

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

Regarding Toda et al Applicants wish to note the following. Toda et al was filed on June 27, 2003. However, the present application was filed March 19, 2004, claiming priority of Japanese application JP2003-079206, filed March 20, 2003. Accordingly, the filing date of Toda et al (June 27, 2003) is about 3 month after the filing date of the priority application of the present invention (March 20, 2003). Thus, Toda et al is not available as prior art against the present invention. Applicants hereby submit a Certified English Translation of the Japanese priority document JP2003-079206, thereby perfecting their claim to priority.

Claims 1, 20 and 27 have been amended to include the limitations of Claim 11 which was not rejected over Ishii et al, Endo et al, the Handbook of Imaging Materials, Yang et al, Takaya et al. Thus, the claims should now be allowable over the prior art of record.

Further, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the provisional double patenting rejection if it is the only issue remaining in this case and convert the provisional rejection in the other application to a double patenting rejection. MPEP 822.01.

It appears that US Serial No. 10/184,904 was noted to be related as there are two common inventors.

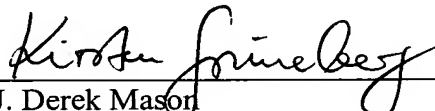
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This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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